

Introduced by Senator Ashburn

February 27, 2009

An act relating to nurse practitioners.

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SB 774, as introduced, Ashburn. Nurse practitioners.

Existing law, the Nursing Practice Act, provides for the certification and regulation of nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives by the Board of Registered Nursing and specifies requirements for qualification or certification as a nurse practitioner. Under the act, the practice of nursing is defined, in part, as providing direct and indirect patient care services, as specified. The practice of nursing is also described as the implementation, based on observed abnormalities, of standardized procedures, defined as policies and protocols developed by specified facilities in collaboration with administrators and health professionals, including physicians and surgeons and nurses.

This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to define the scope of practice for nurse practitioners.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to define the scope of practice for nurse practitioners
- 3 in the State of California.

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